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## St. Lucie County

**March 15, 2007**

**A Monthly Update  
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### **Board of County Commissioners Special Meetings & Workshops Scheduled**

- The Board of County Commissioners regular meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 will begin at 3 p.m., break at 5 p.m. and reconvene at 6 p.m.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold an informal meeting on Friday, March 23, 2007 at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 3.
- The Board of County Commissioners regular meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 will begin at 3 p.m., break at 5 p.m. and reconvene at 6 p.m.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Workshop on Homeland Security on Monday, April 30, 2007 at 2 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.
- The Regular County Commission Meetings on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 and Tuesday, July 17, 2007 have been canceled due to lack of quorum.
- The Board of County Commissioners 2008 Budget Workshops will begin Thursday, July 19, 2007 and run through Wednesday, July 25, 2007 in Conference Room 3.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Budget Millage Adoption Meeting on Tuesday, July 31, 2007 at 9 a.m.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Preliminary Budget Hearing on Thursday, September 6, 2007 at 6 p.m.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Final Budget Hearing on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 6 p.m.

### **Two St. Lucie County Parks Undergoing Improvements**

Two St. Lucie County parks are currently undergoing renovations, including new restroom facilities at a beach access and renovated press box buildings at an area athletics park. Construction of a new restroom facility with exterior showers is underway at Pepper Park on North Hutchinson Island. The old restroom building at the beach parking area will be demolished and replaced with a new facility, featuring 11 toilet stalls and three urinals. The exterior will include two shower towers with multiple heads and four water fountains. The project is being designed and constructed with weather resistant materials to withstand the harsh saltwater environment such as a stainless steel roof and fiberglass doors. The facility will also be ADA accessible. Additionally, the tennis courts at Pepper Park are being resurfaced and are scheduled to be completed by Tuesday, March 20. Construction is also underway at Elks Park on Delaware Avenue – home of the Fort Pierce Little League - where improvements will be made to four press box buildings and one picnic pavilion. All five structures will receive matching metal roofs and the four press box exteriors will be upgraded with a fresh coat of stucco and paint. The largest press box, which includes the restrooms and concession stand, will be expanded and completely renovated inside and out. Both of these construction projects are expected to be completed by August. Funding for these renovations comes from Investment for the Future funds, Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursement and Park "A" Impact Fees. For more information about St. Lucie County's Park & Recreation Department call (772) 462-1517 or visit

[www.stlucieco.gov](http://www.stlucieco.gov).

### **ZoraFest 2007**

ZoraFest 2007, the third annual event celebrating the life of Zora Neale Hurston, is scheduled for April 26 through April 29. Festivities will take place at Lincoln Park Academy, 1806 Avenue I in Fort Pierce, and other facilities such as the Sunrise Theatre. For more information regarding ZoraFest, please contact the St. Lucie County Cultural Affairs Department at (772) 462-2548 or email Jody Bonet at [bonetj@stlucieco.gov](mailto:bonetj@stlucieco.gov).

### **16th Annual United Veterans Golf Classic**

The St. Lucie County Veterans Services Department and the United Veterans will hold the 16th Annual United Veterans Golf Classic on April 21, 2007 at Fairwinds Golf Course. For more information, please contact Veterans Services at 337-5670.

### **"Spring Into Gardening Festival"**

The St. Lucie County Master Gardeners are holding their "Spring Into Gardening Festival" on Saturday, April 28, 2007 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the St. Lucie County Extension Office on Picos Road. For more information, please contact the Extension Office at 462-1660.

### **Annual Earth Day Celebration**

The Oxbow Eco-Center will host their Annual Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 21, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

### **42nd Annual Pow Wow**

Nearly 10,000 people are expected to converge on the Savannas Recreation Area March 23-25 for a weekend of Native America food, music, crafts, history and culture at the Florida Indian Hobbyist Association's 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pow Wow. This three-day event will feature Native American crafters and musicians from as far away as Ohio and North Carolina. Activities will include Seminole storytellers, "backwoods survival skills" demonstrations from Cherokee Indians; drum-making workshops; wildlife displays; authentic tribal dancing and more. The United States Post Office is scheduled to set up a temporary Post Office at the Savannas on Saturday, March 24, so campers and visitors will be able to send outgoing letters and postcards with a Savannas postmark on it. Admission into the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pow Wow is \$5 for adults, while children under 12 are free. Located at 1400 E. Midway Road in Fort Pierce, the Savannas Recreation Area is a 550-acre site featuring five distinct biological communities including wet prairies, pine flatwoods, scrub areas and more. Operated by the St. Lucie County Parks & Recreation Department, the park is open seven days a week for overnight camping, RVs, hiking, fishing, bird watching and kayak/canoe rentals. For further details about the Savannas Recreation Area, please call (772) 464-7855 or (800) 789-5776. For more information about the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pow Wow visit [www.fiha.info](http://www.fiha.info).

### **Upcoming Events at the Oxbow Eco-Center**

**"Birding for Beginners" Classes** ~ March 23 and 30 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Join a St. Lucie Audubon and the Oxbow for this 3-part series to learn more about our feathered friends. The fee is \$30 per person. For more information, please call (772) 785-5842. Please call ahead to reserve space, as previous classes were maxed out.

**Guided Hikes** ~ Every Saturday at 10 a.m. Join an Oxbow naturalist as they lead visitors along a series of trails, discussing the plants and wildlife that live in the different habitats along the North Fork of the St. Lucie River.

For more information about all Oxbow Eco-Center events call the staff at (772) 785-5833 or visit [www.stlucieco.gov/erd/oxbow](http://www.stlucieco.gov/erd/oxbow).

### **Fort Pierce Branch Library Events**

**Movies for Adults** ~ Every Monday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

**Redirecting Children's Behavior Seminar** ~ Every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

**Interactive Nature Series with Captain Chop Lege** ~ Every Thursday from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m.

**Walk and Talk Tour of Bear Point Sanctuary or Vitolo Family Park with Captain Chop Lege** ~ Every Friday from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

**Great Expectations Book Club** ~ Every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 10 a.m. until Noon

The Fort Pierce Library is located at 101 melody Lane, Fort Pierce. These programs are free and open to the public. Reservations may be required, as space is limited. For more information, visit [www.st-lucie.lib.fl.us](http://www.st-lucie.lib.fl.us) or call 772-462-1615.

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